

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re U.S. National Stage Application of PCT/AU00/00792

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Before beginning examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1, just after title, please insert the following paragraph:

--This application is the National Phase of International Application

PCT/AU00/00792 filed on June 30, 2000 which designated the U.S. and was published under PCT article 21(2) in English.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 2, 3, 14, 17-22, 27, 31, 37 and 38. Please amend claims 15, 16 and 39 and add new claim 62.

15. (Amended) An enteral formulation for nasogastric delivery as in claim 14 wherein the carrier is a non-starch polysaccharide.